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International application No.

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	the description:							
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			rticle 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability;  pporting such statement	
1.	Statement			
Novelty (N)		Claims	1-24	YES
		Claims		NO
	Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-24	YES
		Claims		NO
	Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-24	YES
		Claims		_ NO
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#### 2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Documents cited in the international search report:

Document 1: JP 2003-22326 A (Fujitsu Limited), 24 January 2003 (Family: none)

Document 2: JP 11-120261 A (Mitsubishi Electric Corporation), 30 April 1999 (Family: none)

Document 3: JP 9-135816 A (Hitachi, Ltd.), 27 May 1997

(Family: none)

Document 4: JP 2001-84301 A (Kozo Nakano), 30 March 2001

(Family: none)

#### Explanation

Documents 1 to 4 do not set forth a "function wherein the aforementioned communication server establishes a virtual nurse care room which enables the patient's state to be verified from a nurse terminal or doctor terminal having a video telephone, and to which a patient terminal used by a person requiring care, such as a patient for whom changes in circumstances need to be monitored, patients living alone or bed-ridden patients, is connected" and "a function wherein the aforementioned reception server connects said patient terminal to the aforementioned virtual nurse care room according to a request from the patient terminal used by the person

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

requiring care, and a function wherein said requesting terminal is connected to the aforementioned established virtual nurse care room according to a request from a nurse terminal or doctor terminal having a video telephone function" disclosed in claim 1 of this application, and said features would not be obvious to a person skilled in the art.

Therefore the inventions set forth in claims 1 to 24 involve an inventive step.